

Nomination for Posts at the Housing and Urban Development, Commerce, and Agriculture Departments and the United Nations

March 8, 1993

The President continued the process of filling the sub-Cabinet today, expressing his intent to nominate eight senior officials at the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development and at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Named today were:

Michael Stegman, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development
Everett Ehrlich, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce
Eugene Moos, Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture
Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
Wardell Townsend, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Agriculture

Francis Vacca, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Department of Agriculture

Victor Marrero, U.S. Representative to the Economic and Security Council, United Nations

Karl F. (Rick) Inderfurth, U.S. Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs, United Nations

“The people I am asking to serve in my administration today combine academic achievement with real world experience,” said the President. “I am particularly pleased to be naming two family farmers to help run the Department of Agriculture.”

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With the Senate Budget Committee

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Q. Mr. President, are you going for non-military domestic spending cuts across the board?

The President. Well, first of all, let me say I think both the Senate and the House committees deserve a lot of credit. They’ve come forward with further spending reductions consistent with what the CBO group calculations would indicate. They are consistent with the direction of my plan to reduce the deficit and increase investment. And I think that eventually all the committees will get together, and the two bodies will get together, and we will work out a budget that the American people can be proud of that does the things that we’re all trying to do. I’m encouraged by it.

Q. So you are going to accept the across-the-board cuts?

The President. We haven’t worked out the details on how it’s going to be done. The two committees have slightly different positions, as you probably know. But I think that in the end there will be further cuts and there will be, I’m convinced, a much more substantial reduction in the deficit than the estimates show. I feel good about it.

NOTE: The exchange began at 9:17 a.m. in the Old Family Dining Room at the White House.